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The following railroad shipments were observed at Czechoslovakian railroad stations between 27 and 31 August 1949:

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PILSEN (N 50/L 04) Railroad Station:1. a. 27 August 1949:

(1) Twelve railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr" and "ZSRJ"), loaded with ammunition, dispatched from PRAGUE, bound for OMEL (N 51/P 37).

(2) One railroad car (Czech designation "Vdr"), loaded with rocket launchers, dispatched by the PILSEN "Skoda" Plant, bound for CERNA nad Tisou.

b. 29 August 1949:

(1) Two railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr"), loaded with ammunition or explosives, dispatched from NYRANY (12 miles west-southwest of PILSEN), bound for BEKESCSABA (N 16/O 91).

(2) Six railroad cars (Czech designation "Pa"), each carrying one tank, dispatched from the PILSEN "Skoda" Plant, bound for BRATISLAVA (N 49/X 99).

c. 31 August 1949:

Two railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr"), loaded with ammunition or explosives (cars were marked "P"), dispatched from HOLOCOV (P 50/O 12), bound for BABOLAU (P 52/C 41).

d. Three shipments totaling 21 railroad cars were seen at the PILSEN railroad station between 27 and 31 August 1949. The cars were loaded with large boxes of unknown contents, dispatched by the PILSEN "Skoda" Plant, and bound for BUCHAREST and ARAD, Romania.

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2. PRAGUE-NUSLE Railroad Station:

a. 27 August 1949:

(1) Twenty railroad cars (Czech designation "Pk" and "Vdr") each loaded with one light truck, dispatched from PRAGUE-VYSOJANY (northeastern city sector of PRAGUE), bound for STARA ZAGORA (B 13/B 22), Bulgaria.

(2) Two railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr"), loaded with ammunition or explosives (cars were marked "P"), dispatched from VLASIM (O 50/L 14), bound for BYSTRICA [REDACTED]

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(3) Ten railroad cars (Czech designation "Vdr"), loaded with aircraft engine parts in boxes, dispatched from PRAGUE-JIRONICE (southwestern suburb of PRAGUE), bound for CERNA and HUSOU (R 49/A 90), west of JEP.

(4) Two railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr"), loaded with ammunition or explosives (the cars were marked "P"), dispatched from VLASIM, bound for POCSS (Y 5/B 22).

b. 31 August 1949:

(1) Five railroad cars (Czech designation "Zsr"), loaded with ammunition or explosives, (cars were marked "P"), dispatched from JETI nad LABEM (R 51/F 44), bound for VADU (B 6/K 10), escorted by five Czech soldiers.

(2) Eighteen railroad cars (Czech designations "Id", "Pk", "Vdr"), each carrying one light truck, dispatched from PRAGUE-VYSOJANY, bound for BUCHAREST.

3. ZDIBS (O 50/L 46) Railroad Station:

a. 27 August 1949:

Twenty railroad cars loaded with ammunition, one shipment, proceeding from the direction of PRAGUE towards CHES via PILSEN.

b. Railroadmen stated that several ammunition shipments had been directed to CHES via PILSEN on 27 August 1949.

4. KOLIN (O 51/M 38) Railroad Station:

27 August 1949: Ten railroad cars, loaded with canvas-covered guns, dispatched from PRAGUE, bound for KOLOM.

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[redacted] Comment:

- a. The reported shipments of military materiel probably represent only samples of the total shipping operations of war materiel in Czechoslovakia.
- b. It is noticeable that several shipments left Czechoslovakia for Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. This information confirms previous observations that Czechoslovakia is delivering war materiel to the Balkan countries.
- c. Several ammunition shipments were bound for Jihlava. The ammunition was possibly to establish an ammunition dump near the border or to be used by troops holding field exercises at the KMESENALD troop training grounds (east of Jihlava).

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